

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,125,554 to *Franck*.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Franck* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,824,570 to *Silverman et al.* ("*Silverman*").

Claims 2-5 are allowed.

Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

The Final Office Action dated October 8, 2004, has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent Office have been considered. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 2-5. Applicant cancels 1 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer and rewrites claim 6 in independent form in order to expedite the prosecution of this Application. Thus, claims 2-6 remain pending and are respectfully submitted for allowance by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 by the Examiner, placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite the prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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